

Although I normally don't participate in things such as comments to proposed rule changes, I feel compelled in this particular case. I would ask that you do not make those changes proposed in the referenced proceeding. It would have a severe impact on amateur radio and inhibit amateur radio's ability to act as a final chance at communications in an emergency. In a "post-911 world," amateur radio has taken on a new meaning and a new importance. Don't take away that advantage we now have because of amateur radio.